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senate concurrent resolutions and fifteen joint senate resolutions. The State Assembly history, on the other hand, lists 2313 new laws proposed by state assemblymen, plus ninety-two assembly constitutional amendments, thirty-four assembly concurrent resolutions, and twenty assembly joint resolutions. These facts are here enumerated to indicate to members of the California Medical Association the mass of proposed legislation which our state law makers consider and favorably or unfavorably act upon, in their brief three or four months' session.

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Why Is a Legislative Session of Importance to the Medical Profession?—There may be some who may be tempted to say, "But what has the organized medical profession to do with all this, and why should physicians be concerned about these many proposed laws?" The answer is that the title of every one of these laws must be carefully scanned; and every proposed measure which has a title that seems to have even a remote relationship to public health activities must then be inspected and carefully read, to determine whether anything in the text would make for desirable or undesirable public health legislation. The burden of doing this important and laborious service for the profession falls on the shoulders of a few officers and committeemen of the California Medical Association. From the standpoint of time and energy required, and of responsibility borne or additional work to be done, theirs is not an easy or an enviable task. For, through past experience, these officers and committeemen know that no matter how wholeheartedly and wisely they give of themselves, that more or less legislation undesirable from the best public health and medical standards will be enacted. How much of such undesirable legislation is enacted at any particular legislative session, depends not only upon the alertness and astuteness of the officers who are on guard in these matters, but also in good part upon the interest which the members of the California Medical Association, as individuals and through their county societies, display in coöperating with the State Association representatives.

The California Medical Association county societies can render important aid through their local state senators and assemblymen. The December CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on page 426, printed the roster of the present legislature, giving names, home addresses and other information concerning state senators and assemblymen. The February CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 136, printed maps showing the various senatorial and assembly districts. An inspection of those presentations should indicate the further complexities of a legislative session.

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List of Public Health Bills Printed in This Issue.—Readers who wish to orientate themselves further concerning proposed legislation having a

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PROPOSED PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

The 1933 California Legislature.—On January 2, 1933, the California Legislature began its fiftieth session, meeting for twenty-one legislative days through January 28, on which day it began its constitutional recess; to reconvene on February 28, then to continue until adjournment, which will probably be some time in April.

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The Legislative Record to Date.—We have before us the volume known as the "Senate and Assembly Semi-Final History." It is a book with 310 pages devoted to the Senate and 541 additional pages devoted to the Assembly; or 851 pages on which are printed in fairly small type the titles of proposed laws and their present status in senate or assembly committees.

The State Senate history gives a list of 1164 new laws proposed by State Senators, plus forty proposed constitutional amendments, seventeen

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